

and claimed by Rathi. Accordingly, the rejection of the pending claims for obviousness double patenting over U.S. Patent No. 6,201,072 is improper and must be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, early notification of a favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

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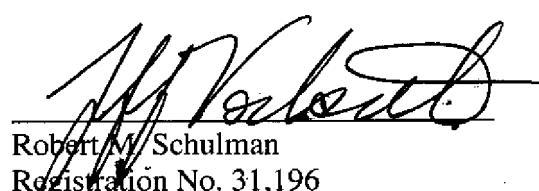
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